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(57) ABSTRACT

An upper body garment having one or more pocket-like openings in an outer layer allowing access to an inner surface of the garment or an inside garment of a wearer of the upper body garment. Such access openings are referred to as "open bottom pockets". These open bottom pockets are typically formed in addition to normal pockets, however, in some embodiments, the open bottom pockets may replace normal pockets. Representative examples of upper body garments with which the novel open bottom pockets may be useful include, but are not limited to, coats, jackets sweaters (particularly pullover style sweaters), sweatshirts, or any other similar upper body garments. When the upper body garment is an open front upper body garment, a zipper, preferably a nylon zipper may be included. A nylon zipper minimizes damage to a surface against which a wearer of the upper body garment may contact.

